

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10. *(Canceled).*

11. *(Currently Amended)* An electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus comprising:

a communication unit ~~(205)~~ carrying out data communication with an external source,

a user interface ~~(208)~~ for a user to select desired contents,

a storage unit ~~(203)~~ storing contents of an electronic book and a contents identifier in correspondence,

a communication port ~~(210)~~ to which a user identifier is input, and

a processing unit ~~(201)~~ extracting from said storage unit ~~(203)~~ a contents identifier corresponding to the contents selected by said user interface ~~(208)~~, causing said communication unit ~~(205)~~ to transmit said contents identifier and the user identifier input through said communication port ~~(210)~~ to said external source, and providing in a pair auxiliary information to display contents received by said communication unit ~~(205)~~ and the contents of an electronic book selected by said user interface ~~(208)~~.

12. *(Currently Amended)* The electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising a charge account processing unit (211) carrying out charge accounting from a user,

wherein said processing unit (201) alters the contents identifier transmitted by said communication unit (205) according to charge account status by said charge account processing unit (221).

13. *(Currently Amended)* A key information management apparatus comprising:

a first storage unit (501)-storing in correspondence a contents identifier corresponding to contents of an electronic book and a contents key,

a second storage unit (502)-storing in correspondence a user identifier and a user key, and

a processing unit (401)-referring to said first storage unit (501) and said second storage unit (502) to extract a contents key and a user key according to a specified contents identifier and user identifier, and generating auxiliary information to display contents from said extracted contents key and user key.

14. *(Currently Amended)* An electronic book display apparatus comprising, an input unit (305)-to enter auxiliary information to display contents and encoded contents of an electronic book,

a processing unit (301)generating a contents key from the auxiliary information input by said input unit (305)and a prestored user key, and reproducing encoded contents input by said input unit (305)using said contents key, and

a display unit (308)displaying the contents reproduced by said processing unit-(301).

15. *(Currently Amended)* The electronic book display apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said encoded contents include a plurality of modules including at least one of data and a processing program,

wherein said processing unit (301)executes said plurality of modules and reproduces said electronic book contents.

16. *(Currently Amended)* The electronic book display apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said plurality of modules includes a module with a description of display attribute information,

wherein said processing unit (301)extracts a display attribute from said module with description of a display attribute, and selectively executes said plurality of modules according to said display attribute.

17. *(Currently Amended)* The electronic book display apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said plurality of modules include a module with a description of information indicating the type of contents key,

wherein said processing unit ~~(301)~~ extracts information indicating the type of contents key from said module with a description of information indicating the type of contents key, and determines whether to execute or not said module according to said information.

18. *(Currently Amended)* The electronic book display apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a recording medium in which auxiliary information to display contents and encoded contents of an electronic book are recorded,

wherein said input unit ~~(305)~~ reads out the auxiliary information and the encoded contents of an electronic book recorded in said recording medium.

19. *(Original)* The electronic book display apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said recording medium has said auxiliary information recorded in a nonreadable region.

20. *(Currently Amended)* An electronic copyrighted work distribution management system comprising:

an electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus (103)—selling an electronic book,

a key information management apparatus (110)—administering key information of an electronic book that is to be sold by said electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus (103), and

an electronic book display apparatus (101)—reproducing and displaying an electronic book sold by said electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus (103),

wherein said electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus (103) includes a user interface (208) for a user to select desired contents,

a first storage unit (203) storing in correspondence contents of an electronic book and a contents identifier,

a communication port (210) to which a user identifier is input, and

a first processing unit (201) extracting from said first storage unit (203) a contents identifier corresponding to the contents selected by said user interface (208), and providing auxiliary information to display contents and contents of an electronic book selected by said user interface (208) in a pair,

wherein said key information management apparatus includes

a second storage unit (501) storing in correspondence a contents identifier and a contents key corresponding to contents of an electronic book,

a third storage unit (502) storing in correspondence a user identifier and a user key, and

a second processing unit (401) referring to said second storage unit (501) and said third storage unit (502) to extract a contents key and user key according to the contents identifier extracted by said first processing unit (201) and a user identifier, and generating auxiliary information to display said contents from said extracted contents key and user key,

wherein said electronic book display apparatus (101) includes an input unit (305) to input auxiliary information to display said contents and contents of an electronic book,

a third processing unit (301) generating a contents key from auxiliary information input by said input unit (305) and a prestored user key, and reproducing contents input through said input unit (305) using said contents key, and

a display unit (308) displaying the contents reproduced by said third processing unit (301).

21. (*Currently Amended*) An electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus comprising a processing unit (814, 815, 817) generating and adding to electronic book data auxiliary information according to the electronic book data and an input user identifier.

22. (*Currently Amended*) The electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said processing unit (814, 815, 817) comprises

a first processing unit {814} carrying out a process according to information defined in a header of input electronic book data and applying the result to electronic book data to be output,

a second processing unit {815} encrypting a portion of input electronic book data, and adding the encrypted data to electronic book data to be output, and

a third processing unit {817}—receiving information including a user identifier, calculating auxiliary information and adding to electronic book data to be output.

23. *(Currently Amended)* An electronic book display apparatus comprising:

a first processing unit {823} generating auxiliary information according to electronic book data and a user identifier, and comparing said generated auxiliary information and auxiliary information added to said electronic book data, and

a reproduction processing unit {828} determining a reproduction processing method of contents according to a comparison result by said first processing unit {823} and reproducing the contents.

24. *(Currently Amended)* The electronic book display apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising a second processing unit {825} comparing usage time limit information defined in a header of said electronic book data with the current time to determine whether to display contents or not and outputting a designation to said reproduction processing unit {828}.

25. *(Currently Amended)* The electronic book display apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising a third processing unit (826) determining whether to decode or not an encrypted portion of said electronic book data according to a comparison result by said first processing unit (823) and carrying out a process.

26. *(Currently Amended)* The electronic book display apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising a user identifier registration unit (824) registering a user identifier that is automatically generated or input by a user.

27. *(Currently Amended)* An electronic book display apparatus comprising: contents including a plurality of modules with at least one of data and a processing program and a module with a description of display attribute information,

a processing unit (301) extracting a display attribute from said module with a description of a display attribute, and selectively executing said plurality of modules according to said display attribute to reproduce said contents, and a display unit (308) displaying contents reproduced by said processing unit (301).